

REMARKS

Applicants respectfully request further examination and reconsideration in view of the arguments set forth fully below. Claims 1, 2, 4-46 and 48-72 were previously pending in this application following an amendment entered February 22, 2005 after which the Applicants expected allowance of all claims; however, a subsequent telephone conversation with the Examiner revealed that the independent Claim 48 and the newly entered Claim 72 were respectively rejected on new grounds or would require a new search. By the above amendment, Claims 48 and 72 have been amended to eliminate the grounds for rejection, and to preclude the necessity of a new search. Claims 3 and 47 were previously canceled. Accordingly Claims 1, 2, 4-46 and 48-72 are now pending in this application. The Applicants gratefully acknowledge the Examiner's thoughtful and helpful comments during the interview.

For the reasons given above, Applicants respectfully submit that the claims are in a condition for allowance, and allowance at an early date would be appreciated. Should the Examiner have any questions or comments, they are encouraged to call the undersigned at (408) 530-9700 to discuss the same so that any outstanding issues can be expeditiously resolved.

Respectfully submitted,
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